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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: DATT

REF: VIENTIANE 4258

FOR CHARGE FROM MILLER

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GENERAL ROUND HAS RECOMMENDED THAT HE MOVE FROM VIENTIANE TO UDORN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1 AND THAT DOD HAS APPROVED HIS RECOMMENDATION. WE ASSUME THAT ONCE GENERAL ROUND MOVES TO UDORN, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES HE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO RETURN EASILY TO VIENTIANE, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE PRESUMABLY.

2. WE FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR JUDGMENT THAT WE SHOULD NOT MAINTAIN A GENERAL OFFICER OF THE USARMY IN VIENTIANE FOR VERY MUCH LONGER. NEVERTHELESS, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ROUND TO REMAIN IN VIENTIANE UNTIL, SAY, MID JULY SO THAT HE
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COULD BE OF IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE TO YOU THROUGH THE PERIOD

IN WHICH USAID IS FINALLY CLOSED OUT AND THE MISSION IS
REDUCED DRASTICALLY TO ABOUT 30. BY THEN, TOO, WE MAY SEE
MORE CLEARLY WHERE US/LAO RELATIONS ARE HEADED. KISSINGER

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